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*You are cordially invited to the*

## *Annual Awards Ceremony*

*Beginning at 2:30 p.m. on December 17  
in the Gym, Building D-10.*

*Employee Holiday Party immediately  
following in Building F-3.*



## **Wallops Shorts.....**

### ***On the Road***

Scott Webb and Jay Savage, NASA Information Services and Engineering Branch, took part in a Career Day Event attended by approximately 500 students at Northampton Middle School, Machipongo, Va., on December 7.

Tracy Bohaboj, Physical Science Laboratory, presented "Up, Up, and Away!" at the Maryland Science Center, Baltimore, Md., on December 9, as part of their Teachers' Thursday Sessions. She discussed NASA's Balloon Program and outreach opportunities and conducted hands-on activities with the teachers. The presentation was broadcast to other Science Centers throughout the nation.

David Pierce, NASA Balloon Program Office, gave presentations on Earth science to third grade students at St.

Francis DeSales Elementary School, Salisbury, Md.

New Mexico State University student, Michael Marquez, who also is a Suborbital Center of Excellence Co-op, presented a Technology Tag-Up on his activities at Wallops Flight Facility. Activities included atmospheric sounding analysis, an angular perturbation analysis, fiber exposure bag fabrication, and DEBOM support. The Suborbital Center of Excellence, funded through a grant from the NASA Balloon Program Office promotes education, research and outreach in suborbital space engineering and science.

### ***In the News***

Eastern Shore Post --"This Wallops Launch Involved a Canoe and a Rescue"

## ***Wallops Range Support***

Aerosonde, a small robotic aircraft designed by Australian Platinum Mines Limited for long range monitoring and surveillance, is scheduled to conduct flights for the U.S. Coast Guard from the Wallops Main Base between December 13 and 17.

The flight on December 16 will involve an overnight flight demonstrating the capability of the Aerosonde to stay aloft for extended durations. Additionally, portions of the flight will be satellite controlled from Australia.

The Wallops Range and Mission Management Office is providing supports for the flights.

## ***Good Science Obtained in Kwajalein***

Regarding the launches of six sounding rocket missions from Kwajalein on August 7 and 15 -- "I believe that we will be able to carry out the investigation and arrive at significant conclusions about the onset of spread F....."

Commendations are due our Campaign Manager, John Hickman, who worked tirelessly to keep the campaign on track and on schedule in the face of numerous logistical, technical and operational hurdles. John's efforts were crucial for the successful completion of the campaign as well as for opening and maintaining a working relationship with Reagan Test Site.

I would also like to extend congratulations and thanks to our payload team which under the guidance of Bruce Scott, built, tested and launched six complicated payloads, working on a relatively tight schedule and under difficult conditions associated with a field campaign."

***Dr. David Hysell  
Cornell University***

## ***Year End Delay in Deposits for Civil Service Employees***

Due to end of year processing, EFT (e-Payroll) deposits that NASA employees may expect on December 30 or 31 will be delayed until Jan. 3, 2005. This will be pay period 01 for the 2005 Tax Year. Employees who receive paper checks can still expect to get their pay checks by NASA's official pay day, Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005.

### **Form W-2 Information and Timeline**

All NASA employees will receive two W-2s for the 2004 Fiscal Year; one from NASA and one from the Department of Interior (DOI).

The 2004 NASA W-2's will be mailed from the Liaison Payroll Office in Alabama by Jan. 31, 2005. The 2004 DOI W-2's will be mailed from the National Business Center in Colorado also by Jan. 31, 2005.

All W-2's will be mailed to the address of record in the system at the end of pay period 26.

Employee's who do not receive their W-2 may request a duplicate W-2 beginning Feb. 7, 2005.

All employees need to review their Leave and Earnings Statement to verify that their mailing address and county information is correct to ensure timely receipt of their NASA and DOI Form W-2s.

Any address change may be made through the Goddard Payroll Office or Employee Express.

If you have any questions or concerns, call your payroll representative at the Goddard Payroll Office.

## ***First of two Balloons Launches from Antarctica***

A NASA scientific balloon was successfully launched from McMurdo Station, Antarctica, on December 13. The 39.57 million cubic foot balloon is carrying the Balloon Borne Experiment with Superconducting Solenodal Spectrometer (BESS) payload.

Dr. John Mitchell, NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, and Dr. Akira Yamamoto of the High Energy Accelerator Research Organization in Japan are the principal investigators.

The balloon has reached a float altitude of 128,000 feet.

The second balloon carrying the Cosmic Ray Energetics And Mass (CREAM) payload is awaiting launch.

## ***"Tools for your Health"***

***presented by Dr. Jeanne Roll,  
Eastern Shore Rural Health  
Systems, Inc.***

Brown Bag Seminar  
Wednesday, December 15  
11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Building E-2, Williamsburg Room

Contact Mike Barnhill at x1641 for details  
Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the  
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*The next edition of Inside  
Wallops will be January 10. Thank  
you for your support during the past  
year.*

*Happy Holidays!  
Betty Flowers, Editor*



## ***8-ball Double Elimination Pool Tournament***

January 7, 2005  
5:30 p.m. start time  
Building F-3 (Rocket Club)

For more details contact Robert Cass at x 2376.

## ***Call for Members***

A new Advisory Committee has recently been chartered and is looking for additional members.

The Goddard Space Flight Center Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Advisory Committee (GLBTAC) is sponsored by the Goddard Diversity Council. Anyone interested in serving on the Advisory Committee, should submit their name to Sharon Wong, the Special Assistant for Diversity, at Sharon.M.Wong@nasa.gov

## ***Drug-Free Workplace Program Training***

Mandatory Supervisor Training:  
December 15  
11 a.m. to noon  
Building F-3 Training Center

Non-Mandatory Employee Training  
December 15  
9 to 10 a.m.  
Building F-3 Training Center

Wallops TV, Channel 6, will air both sessions.

The training is to familiarize supervisors and employees with NASA Policy 3792.1A. Subject matter will include NASA's authorized testing and procedures and the selection process for testing designated positions.

Call Linda Breeze at x66-4249 to register for either of the sessions or for further information.

***Children's Holiday Party  
December 16  
6 to 9 p.m.  
At the Cropper Center***

***For further information or directions call Rebecca Beach at x1559, Sandra Banks at x2526, Cheryl Johnson at x1607 or Karen Lewis at x2163.***

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